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**Cc:** Wharton, Steve[Wharton.Steve@epa.gov]  
**From:** Christensen, Stanley  
**Sent:** Wed 8/5/2015 8:28:51 PM  
**Subject:** RE: mine blowout near silverton

Rebecca,

This project is in Steve Wharton's shop. Please include him in your e-mails.

Stan

**From:** Russo, Rebecca  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 05, 2015 2:10 PM  
**To:** Mylott, Richard; Ostrander, David; Hestmark, Martin; Stavnes, Sandra; Smith, Paula; Peterson, Cynthia; O'Connor, Darcy; Videtich, Callie; Bahrman, Sarah; Kahn, Lisa; Murray, Bill; Christensen, Stanley; Williams, Laura  
**Cc:** McGrath, Shaun; Thomas, Deb; Card, Joan; Jenkins, Laura Flynn; McClain-Vanderpool, Lisa; Faulk, Libby  
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My thought is that, once we get some details, we might want to notify Congressionals on this one. Seems likely to generate press. Let me know if you have any concerns and please keep me in the loop.

Thanks,

Rebecca

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**From:** Mylott, Richard

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**Subject:** mine blowout near silverton

**Importance:** High

FYI. Mark Salley, PIO at CDPHE just called about a significant mine blowout at the Gold King mine near Silverton that has or is expected to send a large volume of water/heavy metals through Cement Creek and the Animas, affecting Silverton and downstream. I have no details beyond Mark's vm, but Mark seems to think this would be our lead in terms of a response and notifying downstream water users, intakes etc. Not sure that conclusion necessarily makes sense to me but we should discuss... I'll let you know if I receive additional info. Please share if you have info as well.

Rich

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